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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 48-53, 60-61, and 63 were pending in this application. Claims 48-50, 61, and 63 have been amended. Applicants submit claims 48-53, 60-61, and 63 for reconsideration.

Applicants' undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview on June 15, 2005, during which the undersigned representative discussed with the Examiner claim 48 and the document applied in the Office Action. Applicants have amended claim 48 in a manner consistent with the discussion had with the Examiner at the interview. Amendments to claims 49, 50, and 61 have been presented that go beyond the amendments contemplated at the interview.

Claims 48-53, 60-61, and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,265,310 (Ichinokawa). In view of the amendments presented herewith, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 48, as amended, recites a "child seat for seating a child within a vehicle." The child seat includes, among other things, a base, a backrest, and a connection mechanism that connects the base and the backrest and that includes a plurality of hooks engaged with a bar. The "child seat is configured for placement on a seat of the vehicle." Additionally, "the child seat has a belt path configured to receive and locate relative to the child a lapbelt of a restraint system of the vehicle."

Applicants respectfully submit that Ichinokawa does not teach or suggest amended claim 48. For example, Ichinokawa does not teach or suggest a "child seat for seating a child within a vehicle," as recited in claim 48. As a further example, Ichinokawa does not teach or suggest a "child seat [that] is configured for placement on a seat of the vehicle" and that has "a belt path configured to receive and locate relative to the child a lapbelt of a restraint system of the vehicle."

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Consequently, independent claim 48 is patentable over Ichinokawa. Dependent claims 49-53, 60-61, and 63 are patentable over Ichinokawa for at least the same reason as claim 48 and they recite additional limitations.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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